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*"The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary"*

-Vidal Sassoon

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# President's Message

I can't believe how fast time has flown as we are already in the halfway year mark. Your Board of Directors and Committee Chairs have been hard at work with several initiatives for our Chapter. As you may recall in my last message, we rolled out the new Strategic Plan and I am happy to announce that we are already making strides in hitting our annual goals for developing professional competence, supporting, and recognizing professional excellence, promoting the public profession, increasing member involvement, and improving chapter operations. Our membership count has grown in numbers from 315 in 2023 to 429 and counting. That is over a 36% increase. Our membership committee continues to receive applications for membership monthly and a large influx of student membership requests has been contributing to some of our growth and that excites me the most for the future of public procurement.

I am also excited to welcome our newest volunteers, Alyce Benge from the Department of Health and a founding member of this chapter as our Nominations and Elections Chair who replaced Christopher Martinez from King County Solid Waste. Alyce will now be responsible for both the annual nomination and elections process and coordinating efforts with the Honors & Awards Committee for the Procurement Professional and Procurement Manager yearly awards process. The Board approved a motion to add this very important member recognition role to this committee. We also have Jessica Buckingham from Tacoma Public Schools step up as new Newsletter Committee Chair. I am so grateful for her willingness to take on additional assignments and how she continues to demonstrate leadership skills as an emerging professional. This was a position recently vacated by Regan Givens from Port of Seattle who has been instrumental in creating several editions since 2022.

The Board also passed a motion last month for our chapter to partner with the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) to host a first annual joint tradeshow and fall conference on October 8, 2024, at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center. This will be our second in-person event for this year. Please save the date and stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

Another exciting collaboration is with our chapter affiliate on the east coast with the New York Association of Municipal Purchasing Officials (SAMPO) for a joint Emerging Young Professional Round Table Event on Thursday, June

13th from 9-10am. WANIGP's Emerging Professional was inspired by SAMPO to create this program that will cater to not just our emerging professionals who have been in public procurement less than five years but also to collaborate with seasoned professionals to provide advice, counsel, share tips and tricks and best practices as they navigate the complex world of public procurement. Please come support us and register today.

One of the biggest challenges this year is learning the functionalities of our new Club Express website. Whether it's the email communications, announcement of events and chapter news, welcome letters to our newest members, renewal of membership to existing members, assigning education hours and more. We are so grateful for NIGP who supports us by providing on-going training throughout the year to all NIGP chapters where they share best practices for efficiencies in our chapter operations, run ad hoc reports and gather member engagement data etc. via Microsoft Teams has been invaluable. We are also seeking for a new Professional Development (ProD) Chair. The appointed chair will be responsible for planning chapter member education classes, creating and maintaining a list of local and national speakers and a list of requested training/topics and where materials provided for such trainings are posted on the website document library for access by members. In addition, the future role of the Chair is to have the Education and Research committee, Lunch and Learn and Emerging Professional Program under its umbrella. Each of these committees have their respective Chair(s) who are responsible for their own events and will be in a supportive role and a great opportunity to grow as a leader. Any interests or answer any questions, please contact me at [president@wanigp.org](mailto:president@wanigp.org).

I have been blessed to have a team of talented volunteers who are just as passionate as I am to give back to this profession and to our members. I have been learning a lot about myself and the type of leadership this Chapter requires in order for members to be engaged, excited to volunteer and is not afraid to get their feet wet and learn new things no matter how long they have been in the profession.

**Chapter President**

Ginny Justiniano, CPPB, NIGP-CPP





# Explore WA-NIGP



Since 2003, WA-NIGP has worked with NIGP - the Institute for Public Procurement to support, develop and promote public procurement, contracting, and supply chain professionals in Washington State.

Our \$40 annual membership includes:

① Annual Training and Networking Opportunities  
(both virtual and in-person)

- January Business & Awards Meeting: Recognizes our Chapter's Procurement Professional and Managers of the Year.
- Excellence in Procurement Summit: Held each March in conjunction with Procurement Professionals' Day.
- Fall Conference: Includes networking and training from guest speakers/industry experts. \*\$
- Philanthropic and Community Service Events
- Social Gatherings \*\$

② Ongoing Education and Scholarships

- Monthly Lunch and Learns: 45-minute educational sessions held during the lunch hour.
- Emerging Professionals program: Designed to help mentor and develop our newest professionals.
- Sponsored Courses: We partner with NIGP and other chapters to provide additional, low-cost educational opportunities throughout the year. \*\$
- No budget? No problem!: We offer assistance to help members develop their knowledge & skills.

③ Additional Resources and Connections

- Chapter Newsletter: Full of great information and updated every few months!
- Member Directory: Includes contact information for our 350+ members!
- Google Group: Our forum to ask questions, request copies of solicitations, share expertise and challenges, and get incredible advice from other procurement professionals.
- Committees & Workgroups: No experience or large time investment is required.
- So much more!

\*\$ - Additional charges may apply

Visit [www.wanigp.org](http://www.wanigp.org) for more information and to join!

# New Members

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## WELCOME!

Membership offers substantial benefits, both professional and personal. Our meetings, seminars and educational events can enhance your knowledge of our profession and promote the exchange of ideas and issues through networking opportunities with your colleagues.

Membership also brings opportunities to develop your personal leadership skills through volunteer efforts on committees, and as part of our governance team.

### New Members – April—May 2024:

| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | EMPLOYER                           | TITLE                      |
|-----------|------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Laasch    | Marcella   | Clark Regional Wastewater District | Admin Assistant 4          |
| Brown     | Emily      | Clark Regional Wastewater District | Program Support Specialist |
| Johnson   | Heidi      | City of Redmond                    | Senior Purchasing Agent    |
| Le        | Lina       | King County                        | Student                    |
| Santos    | Rodel      | King County                        | Student                    |
| Mendoza   | Suzette    | King County                        | Student                    |

# Educational Opportunities

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## CLASSES & WEBINARS

Looking for additional educational opportunities? Explore the websites below for upcoming classes!

- WA-NIGP: [www.wanipg.org](http://www.wanipg.org)
  - ⇒ June 5, 2024 – Lunch & Learn: PCard Programs – [Register](#)
  - ⇒ June 13, 2024 – Emerging Professional Roundtable Sessions – [Register](#)  
\*\*\* With New York and Colorado Chapters!! \*\*\*
  - ⇒ July 11, 2024 - Emerging Professional Roundtable Sessions - [Register](#)
- NIGP Webinars: <https://www.nigp.org/learning/all-courses/webinars>
- Columbia Chapter of NIGP: <http://columbiachapternigp.org/pro-d/>
- Oregon Public Purchasing Association: <https://www.oppaweb.org/index.cfm>
- Idaho Public Purchasing Association: <https://nigp-idaho.org/content.php?page=Training>
- Institute for Supply management: <https://www.ismwww.org/>
- Municipal Research and Services Center: <https://mrsc.org/Home/Training.aspx>
- American Public Works Association ([APWA](#))
- Washington Finance Officers Association ([WFOA](#))

# NIGP Forum 2024

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## Ready to Elevate Your Procurement Game? Join Us at Forum 2024 in Charlotte, NC!

Missed the early bird pricing? No worries! There's still time to secure your spot at the most anticipated public procurement event of the year.

### Haven't Registered Yet?

Don't miss your chance to be part of a transformative experience. Register now and be a part of the cutting-edge discussions, networking, and professional growth opportunities that only the NIGP Forum can offer.

### Already Registered? First-Time Attendee?

We've got you covered! Whether you're a seasoned attendee or joining us for the first time, we're here to ensure you get the most out of your experience. Interested in tips and tricks for first-time attendees? Reach out to us at [info@wanigp.org](mailto:info@wanigp.org) for all the insider info you need to navigate the event like a pro.

## Why Attend Forum 2024?

- **Inspiration Awaits:** Be inspired by industry leaders and innovative thinkers.
- **Endless Networking:** Connect with like-minded professionals and expand your network.
- **Knowledge at Your Fingertips:** Dive into workshops, panels, and sessions that will equip you with the latest procurement strategies.
- **Hands-On Learning:** Explore our interactive exhibition hall filled with the latest procurement solutions and technologies.

**Date:** August 25-28, 2024

**Venue:** Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, NC

## Don't Delay – Register Today!

For more information and to secure your spot, visit [www.NIGP.org](http://www.NIGP.org).

Join us in Charlotte, NC, and be a part of shaping the future of public procurement. We can't wait to see you there!

# Procurement Excellence Showcase

## Attending Forum and would like to show off your accomplishments?

Present your cutting-edge procurement research, case studies, or initiatives at our interactive Procurement Excellence Showcase. Engage with peers, foster meaningful connections, and earn recognition as the top innovator—apply by July 21! See detailed below.

NIGP FORUM 2024

## Procurement Excellence Showcase

|          |                |          |          |          |                |              |         |
|----------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|--------------|---------|
| REGISTER | THE EXPERIENCE | SCHEDULE | SESSIONS | SHOWCASE | HOTEL & TRAVEL | SPONSORSHIPS | EXHIBIT |
|----------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|--------------|---------|

### Share Your Success Story in Charlotte

Join us for the inaugural [NIGP Procurement Excellence Showcase](#) to highlight your procurement accomplishments!

Participants in the Procurement Excellence Showcase, whether individuals, groups, or chapters (up to 3 people), will showcase a summary of their work (research, case studies, programs, or initiatives) by creating posters. Each participant, or group, will be assigned a space to display their poster presentation to fellow conference attendees. This unique opportunity allows procurement professionals to present their work informally, fostering one-on-one conversations and networking.

Throughout the showcase, conference-goers progress through an interactive experience as they move from exhibit to exhibit, perusing the displays. As the event concludes, attendees will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite topics. We'll celebrate the winners during the Tuesday morning Plenary session.

To be part of this inaugural experience, procurement professionals must apply by submitting their abstract by July 21 or when 40 applications are accepted. Applicants must be current or retired public procurement professionals; submissions for products or services will not be considered.

### How to Participate

|                                                                               |   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| When & Where is it?                                                           | + |
| Who Can Apply?                                                                | + |
| How Does it Work?                                                             | + |
| What is the application process?                                              | + |
| What are the abstract guidelines/best practices?                              | + |
| What size are the poster boards?                                              | + |
| What are the poster presentation design guidelines?                           | + |
| What application should I use to design my poster?                            | + |
| How do I print my poster?                                                     | + |
| What do I use to put my poster/presentation materials on the presenter board? | + |

### SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT TO APPLY

SUBMIT

### Procurement Excellence Showcase

Expo Hall  
Sunday, August 25, 2024  
2:30 - 5:30 PM

### KEY INFORMATION

[Application Opens](#)  
May 22, 2024

[Application Closes](#)  
July 21, 2024  
or when 40 applications are accepted

[Selection process](#)  
First-come, first-served

[Notification](#)  
Within 1-3 business days of  
application submission

# Scholarship Committee

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## APPLY TODAY!

### OPPORTUNITY FOR FREE - NIGP TRAINING!

Looking to get Certified (CPPB, CPPO, NIGP-CPP, etc.)?

Apply for a scholarship TODAY - up to \$500 towards training, certification, prep materials, etc.

Fill out an application on [www.WANIGP.org](http://www.WANIGP.org)

>login, Member Benefits, Scholarships, and Submit Application<

>Must be a WANIGP and NIGP member to apply<

### APPLICATIONS DUE BY JULY 12TH

OR apply for any qualified professional development opportunity.

Check out the [NIGP Learning Catalog](#)

Any questions contact us at [Scholarship@WANIGP.org](mailto:Scholarship@WANIGP.org)

### Scholarships

If you are interested in training and do not have the training budget, our Chapter has funding available for scholarships. The Scholarship Committee accepts applications year-round for continuing education, professional certification fees and courses.

**Check out the Scholarship Program on the website and SUBMIT your [application](#)!** *Reminder: only one scholarship within a twelve (12) month period can be awarded to a member.*

### 2024 NIGP Forum Scholarships – Awardees

Congratulations to the following members that were awarded scholarships to Forum in Charlotte, North Carolina. There were no applications received for the virtual scholarships, so with support of the Board, we were able to provide a second partial scholarship for In-Person Forum.

- Matt Serier, Lead Buyer,  
City of Bellingham  
– In-Person Forum: \$3,000
- Shelby Heyward, Assistant Buyer,  
Tacoma Public Schools  
– Partial In-Person Forum: \$1,800

Stacy Hupp, CPPB

Scholarship Committee Chair

[scholarship@wanigp.org](mailto:scholarship@wanigp.org)

# Emerging Professionals Committee

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For the very first time the WANIGP and the New York State Association of Municipal Purchasing Officials (SAMPO) Chapter , with help from the Rocky Mountain Government Purchasing Association (RMGPA), will conduct a joint session and where all NIGP chapters will be invited to learn about the emerging and young professional program. We hope you can join and support your fellow members and cheer for our volunteer Emerging Professionals at this exciting event.

## Joint Chapter Emerging Professionals Roundtable Session

**Are you new to public procurement,  
less than 5 years?**

**Are you interested in creating a  
pipeline for future leaders?**

**Are you interested in engaging and  
developing with other emerging  
professionals within the public  
procurement industry?**



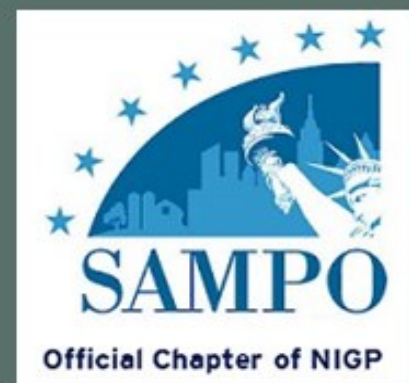
**Presented by New York SAMPO &  
Washington State NIGP Chapters**

Date

**June 13th**

Time

**09:00 AM (PST)/  
12:00PM (EST)**



**Register at the Washington  
State NIGP Chapter**

# Washington Procurement Connect



Tacoma, WA



October 8



140 exhibitors

## WASHINGTON PROCUREMENT CONNECT: STRENGTHENING YOUR BUSINESS

**REGISTRATION COMING SOON!**

**WA NIGP Chapter** is partnering with DES to host a first annual joint tradeshow and conference to strengthen the relationship between Washington state small businesses and government entities.

**When:** Oct. 8, 2024 - 7:30am - 4pm

**Where:** Greater Tacoma Convention Center

**Add to Calendar:** [Google](#) [Outlook](#) [iCal](#)

1500 Commerce Street, Tacoma



### What you can expect at the conference:

- ◇ NIGP-credentialed education for procurement professionals
- ◇ Workshops for small businesses
- ◇ 140 exhibitors
- ◇ Two keynote addresses
- ◇ 1:1 networking for purchasers, businesses, primes, and construction firms
- ◇ Lunch with peers and businesses

**Stay connected:** [Subscribe to updates](#)

# Procurement Jobs

Post your Openings today on the WA-NIGP website job board!

How to post a procurement job to the WA-NIGP Jobs Board:

1. Hover you **user panel** drop-down arrow in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.
2. Select **profile**
3. In the 'Your Website Functions' section. Select **jobs board**
4. Select **add job**
5. Complete as many of the fields as possible to provide enough information for job seekers. The field with a **red** dot next to them are required to be filled out.
6. Select **submit**

Home > Member Profile

Member Profile

Membership Summary



Type: Honorary  
Status: Active  
Exp. Date: 3/11/2025  
Last Login: 3/21/2024

Member Number: 499  
Join Date: 3/12/2024  
Last Renewal: N/A

Current Email Address: [president@wanigo.org](mailto:president@wanigo.org)

Basic Member Information

Click here to edit your basic contact information such as your address or phone number.

Additional Member Data

Click here to answer additional questions about yourself that pertain to your membership.

Standard Member Directory

Click here to edit your member directory profile and define what is visible to other members (and the public if your organization has made the directory visible on the public side of the website.)

User Name / Password

Click here to change your login information.

More Member Options

[Credit Card](#)  
[Privacy/Cancel/Remove](#)  
[Achievements](#)

Histories

[Transaction History](#)  
[Payment/Credit History](#)  
[Event History](#)  
[Volunteering](#)  
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Your Website Functions

[Interests](#)  
[Photo Albums](#)  
[Jobs Board](#)

Home > Member Profile > Jobs Board Manager for John Q Public

Jobs Board Manager for John Q Public

The maintain column next to a job posting gives you options to edit the post, renew the post, delete or cancel the post, or navigate to the payment page if payment is pending for the post.

Add Job

Posting Policy

Home > Member Profile > Jobs Board Manager for Members > Jobs Board Post

Add/Edit Jobs Board Post

Describe the Job you are posting about. If you want to submit it to be published on the Jobs Board, press the "Submit" button. If you want to continue working on it before you submit it, press the "Save Draft" button.

Required Information

Title

Job Category

Posting For

Positions

Apply Via

Status

Hidden

Optional Information

Description

Application URL

Contact Name

Contact / Application Email

Job Type

Commitment

Location

Required Qualifications

Required Experience

Contact Phone

Salary Range

Duration

Travel %

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# Committee Chair Needed

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## We're Looking for Our Next Professional Development (ProD) Chair!

Are you passionate about education and leadership? Do you want to make a meaningful impact within our chapter? We're on the hunt for a dedicated and enthusiastic individual to take on the role of **Professional Development (ProD) Chair**!

### What You'll Do:

As the ProD Chair, you'll play a vital role in our community by:

- **Planning Education Classes:** Organize engaging and informative classes for our chapter members.
- **Managing Speaker Lists:** Create and maintain a list of local and national speakers who can provide valuable insights and training.
- **Curating Training Topics:** Keep track of requested training topics and ensure materials are accessible in our website document library.

In this role, you'll also oversee the **Education and Research Committee**, **Lunch and Learn**, and the **Emerging Professional Program**. Each of these groups has its own chair (s) who manage their events, so you'll be in a supportive role with plenty of opportunities to grow as a leader.

### Why Join Us?

- **Leadership Experience:** Enhance your leadership skills and gain valuable experience in organizing and managing educational programs.
- **Community Impact:** Play a key role in the professional development of our members.
- **Supportive Environment:** Work alongside passionate and dedicated individuals who are eager to support you.

### Interested or Have Questions?

We'd love to hear from you! If you're interested in this exciting opportunity or have any questions, please reach out to us at [vp@wanigp.org](mailto:vp@wanigp.org).

Join us in making a difference and helping our members grow and thrive. We can't wait to work with you!

### Become Our Next ProD Chair!

# Board Members

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CONNECT WITH YOUR BOARD MEMBERS – WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU!

Did you know that all members are welcome to attend/listen in on our monthly Board meetings which are held via Zoom every 3rd Thursday from 11am-12pm? Please contact Jessica Buckingham, Recording Secretary at [secretary@wanigp.org](mailto:secretary@wanigp.org) for an invitation via Outlook. Meeting minutes are published monthly on our website under the Procurement Resources, Document Library, Chapter Documents, Meeting Minutes. Thank you again for entrusting me and the Board of Directors to lead WANIGP Chapter as we continue to navigate through the many facets of this organization. Your continued support is much appreciated. Questions or comments, please feel free to drop us a note at [info@wanigp.org](mailto:info@wanigp.org).

The Board of Directors shall:

- Attend the regularly scheduled teleconferences and other meetings of the Board of Directors, and Chapter events.
- Control and manage the affairs and finances of the Chapter.
- Shall have authority to take such actions as will serve the best interests of the Chapter and its Members under an annual plan of activities and budget to be adopted by the membership at the annual meeting of the membership.
- Have no authority to expend or commit funds to an amount over the cash resources of the Chapter, or otherwise cause indebtedness of the Chapter, unless such expenditure, commitment, or indebtedness is approved in the annual budget, or in advance by 2/3 affirmative vote of the voting members at a regular or special business meeting. Such approval may be by electronic mail or other concurrence.
- Review the recommendation of the Membership Committee and by a majority votes shall accept or reject the applications for membership to the Chapter. The vote of the Board of Directors shall be final. An applicant whose application has been rejected, however, may appeal as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws, or may resubmit an application to the Membership Committee no sooner than one (1) year after rejection by the Board of Directors.
- Hear and decide on appeals regarding the Honors and Awards Committee's decisions on award of scholarships.

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